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Boon Kiat has almost 30 years of investment management experience. He has served as the Group CEO of UOBAM since 2011 from his previous appointment as Chief Investment Officer. Under his leadership, UOBAM has established itself as a leading regional player in the asset management industry with a presence in 9 markets in Asia. UOBAM has also received wide industry recognition winning nearly 300 top awards from prestigious organisations such as Morningstar, Refinitive and Asian Investor.

Notably, UOBAM was awarded Asia Fund House of the Year from AsianInvestor in 2021 for a third consecutive year. This award is granted to the best fund house which excels in business strategy, execution, investment performance, asset gathering, and innovation.

In recognition of his contributions to the industry, Boon Kiat was recognised as one of the 25 Leaders in fund management in Asia in the past 25 years by Asia Asset Management in 2021 while also receiving the “Lifetime Achievement Award” by AAM in 2020. He was previously recognised as CEO of the Year in Asia in 2014 and 2015. He was also conferred the “IBF Fellow” title by the Institute of Banking and Finance in 2015.

Beyond UOBAM, Boon Kiat has also served as Treasurer from 2013 to 2019 at the Investment Management Association of Singapore (IMAS) and was a member of its EXCO from 2006 to 2019.

A passionate advocate of digitalisation, Boon Kiat spearheaded UOBAM's digital transformation, driving the adoption of emerging technology and digital infrastructure positioning UOBAM as a digital leader in asset management. His belief of an optimal balance between human and machine in asset management; that AI should be more “augmented intelligence” rather than “artificial intelligence” has borne tangible results like UOBAM Invest, Singapore’s first robo-advisory app by an established asset manager, in 2020, and the first corporate robo-advisory platform in Singapore in 2018. UOBAM Invest has raised over S\$1billion from corporate clients in Asia.

A firm believer in “Investing for Purpose and Profit”, Boon Kiat has championed the cause for sustainable investing and led UOBAM to be one of the first regional asset managers in Singapore to sign the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) in 2020. This is on top of also being a signatory to the Singapore Stewardship Principles for Responsible Investors, underlining the firm’s commitment to sustainability.